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... Peace ...

Peace to the ship that, spite of winds and tides,
After long tossing wins her port again,
And under friendly shores at anchor rides.

Peace to the toiler with the hand or brain,
When, the long labor of the daytime past,
Comes dreamless sleep, to heal fatigue and pain.

Peace to the weary heart that finds at last
Faith after doubt, and trust instead of fear,
With all its cares upon the Father cast.

"Peace on the earth"—yea, earth again shall hear
The angel's song—the night of dark distress
Shall vanish, and the day of Christ appear,
That knows no storm, nor pain, nor weariness.

—Talcott Miner Banks.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



"Ring out the old, ring in the new,
 Ring happy bells, across the snow;
 The year is going, let him go;
 Ring out the false, ring in the true."

More profitable, perhaps, than making good resolutions for the new year is seriously reviewing the old. Seen at a distance, the thoughts, acts and events, which made the life of the days and months, take on sharper outlines.

We can judge them more wisely. What things were most helpful, precious and stimulating to higher and holier living, as well as more practical serving, and how can we conserve them? What were wrong or unlovely or too trivial, and how can we eliminate them? Have our riches, of whatever nature, made us more generous; our poverty, more sympathetic; our joys, more gracious and kindly? Have our sorrows deepened our spiritual life and made us more loving? If not, we may well say to ourselves, as Paul said to the Galatians, "Have ye suffered so many things *in vain*?" All of these things must work together for good, if we love the Father. Out of the successes and failures, the happiness and pain, even the perplexities and vexations and petty annoyances, we may get needed lessons, wisdom, strength and vision for the New Year. So "Ring out the false, ring in the true." . . . More than ever, at this season, "The love of Christ constraineth us" to pass on all the good things that come to us, beginning with the knowledge of the greatest gift of God, sent by way of many loving hearts and willing hands and material channels, to the uttermost parts of the earth; never forgetting the hunger of soul and body, the pressing need, the joyless daily lives all about us. Mrs. Lord tells us, on our Sunshine page, how we can very easily bring gladness to the children. A few weeks ago, a member of the HELPER Branch of the Sunshine Society, who knew that he was about to die, asked that all of his clothing be sent to some struggling colored preacher in the South. His wishes were carried out—with the help of Rev. N. C. Brackett of Storer College—and in due time a letter came in reply. The minister wrote, "My heart was filled to overflowing. The Lord answered my prayers through you and our dear, kind friend, Brother Brackett. I only have a small charge, doing the best and all I can for the Master in this part of the vineyard, my small membership doing the best they can. With the little I get I try to keep

my poor wife comfortable for I would rather suffer myself than see her suffer. Her health is not good. I had no overcoat, my sack coat was in bad shape, only one pair of pants and hardly a change of underwear. I would have resorted long ago to physical labor with my other work, but was not able. I talked to the Master and asked him earnestly to raise me up friends to help me and, bless His Name, through you my prayers have been answered'' Wasn't it better to use the dear belongings in such a fashion than to lay them away where they could not be of use to any one? . . . Our Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. M. Metcalf, Carolina, R. I., requests that persons sending the filled Merry-go-Rounds for the dormitory fund for Storer, will write their names on the outside. She has several without any name attached. . . . In reading the annual reports, in this number, let us look for the signs of success, growth, progress, and return thanks; then let us look as carefully for the greatest needs and the weak places and ask ourselves and our auxiliaries how we can help and strengthen them. A house for the President of Storer College and his family is, as Mrs. MacDonald truly says, more than a personal or family need, it is an urgent need of the school itself. Is there not some one who will start a fund for this purpose with a substantial gift? . . . Mrs. Chapman wrote, Nov. 4, that she had already sold 213 of the study books. That is a good beginning. It is a wise suggestion by the officers of the W. M. S. that we do not forget to become more and more familiar with our own special work while studying the wider work, each should help the other. We hope to hear a series of articles in the HELPER, for 1908, taking up each topic suggested by the text-book, "Gloria Christi," and showing what is being done in our own field along the same lines. Other plans of practical value are maturing for our magazine in the coming year. If you want to give the HELPER to a friend for a Christmas gift, or send it to some one who cannot otherwise have it, our General Subscription Agent, Mrs. Andrews, will be happy to hear from you! . . . The Dover, N. H. auxiliary has an especially attractive "Year Book," and the calendars of the Providence, R. I., (Roger Williams) and Lewiston, Me., (Main St.) societies indicate very helpful programs for the New Year. The "Annual Letters," sent out by several states, give evidence of vigorous work undertaken. A revised edition of the leaflet "How to Organize Auxiliaries" is ready, and the new catalog will soon be issued. Have you sent to Mrs. Chapman for the new leaflet, "The Working Auxiliary?" It is *good*. . . . We all want a part in the Evangelistic Campaign. Commenting upon the great revival in India, a writer said:—"The Spirit has not visited any prayerless church, but the persevering, praying church has invariably been blessed." The same might be said of our auxiliaries. The praying ones win the blessing.

THE MISSIONARY HELPER BRANCH
OF THE
International Sunshine Society

Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on.
'Twas not given for you alone—
Pass it on.

Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Till in heaven the deed appears,
Pass it on.



All letters, packages, or inquiries concerning this page or sunshine work, should be addressed to Mrs. Rivington D. Lord, 593 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., president of this branch.

A very merry Christmas to one and all, with the wish that we may cheer others as we are cheered at the glad Yuletide season. A number have signified their desire to help in our Xmas work by sending ten cents for a doll or seven cents for a pair of mittens, but we want others to ask for a list of shut-ins to remember with a dainty card or gift, also postage stamps are needed to pass on the gifts that we have on hand.

Mrs. Wm. Hoyt is doing faithful sunshine work by visiting the sick, speaking words of encouragement, giving helpful suggestions, etc. Mrs. Nettie Fowler and her daughter, Mrs. Eva Allen, are ever mindful of our branch needs, and recently gave 50 cents in stamps. These little two cent messengers were thankfully received.

Miss Grace Sinclair also helped on the work by giving postage stamps. Miss A. A. Garland has sent in reading matter which has been passed on, there is always use for good reading.

Mrs. Nellie O'Neil has been a most active sunshiner since becoming an I. S. S. member, as a large number of those whom she has cheered could testify, she gave beautiful cards for our work.

Miss Lucy A. Davis is very thankful for the love and sympathy of the sunshine sisters, but her health and poor eye-sight make it impossible to acknowledge the good cheer received. Mrs. E. M. Wilbur sent in a knit table mat, and has brightened the lives of others by many kind acts. Mrs. L. J. Rideout is another helpful member who never allows an opportunity to pass unnoticed to cheer others. Mrs. E. C. Jenness, although traveling from place to place, has thought of us and sent cards to pass on.

Miss S. Nina Brosins, secretary of a girls club, sent for twelve names of shut-ins that they could cheer. We wish other secretaries would do the same. Miss Ida M. Hastings gave clothing and \$1.00 in money. Miss E. J. Small \$1.00 for the Blind Babies. Through a "Maine Member" we have received a dime from Miss Lizzie Bonser for postage. Miss S. ten cents "for the work." Miss Eva F. Buker, who is ever ready to assist us, gave 50 cents.

Mrs. H. A. Ashley gave this year, as last, a substantial birthday offering, and sent in the name of Mrs. W. Ferrel of Texas for enrollment. Mrs. M. C. Fisk sent in the name of Mrs. Grace Ingersoll of South Bend, Ind., for membership, who through an accident is confined to a wheel chair.

Mrs. B. A. Parker has made Miss Ethel A. Mills of North Berwick, Maine, an I. S. S. member. She is just recovering from an operation. Letters of welcome will be appreciated by these new members.

There is a call for birthday post cards as they are needed in our branch work. Let all of our members be sure to remember our Christmas work.

Helps for Monthly Meetings

"The study of missions is the study of the successful accomplishment of gigantic social tasks. It is the story of the remaking of nations by the impulse of divine energy and ideals."



TOPICS FOR 1907-1908

October—Roll-call and Membership.
November—Missions and Social Progress:
1. Evangelistic Missions.
December—2. Educational Missions.
January—3. Medical Missions.
February—Prayer and Praise.
March—Home Missions.
April—4. Industrial Missions.
May—Thank-Offering.
June—5. Philanthropic Missions.
July—6. Missions and Other Forms of Social Progress.
August—Missionary Field Day.
September—Current Events in World Wide Work.

JANUARY—Medical Missions

(Gloria Christi, Chapter III.)

"Christ recognized the ministry of healing as one of the mightiest agencies in the spread of the gospel. The medical missionary follows in the footsteps of his master."

Suggestive Program

HYMN—"The Great Physician Now Is Near."

BIBLE READING—Jesus the Good Physician; Mark 1:23-45.

PRAYER—That the Holy Spirit may show to young men and women entering the medical profession their opportunity for service to God and humanity presented by both home and foreign mission fields.

"FIRST THINGS IN MEDICAL MISSIONS—Roll Call or Symposium. (In reading chapter three carefully, we note that a great many important *first* things are mentioned which it is well to memorize. These can be given in response to the roll call, or in the form of a symposium, or written in their order on the blackboard and repeated in concert.)

The leader will speak of the points to be emphasized in this lesson:

1. The gravity of the need. 2. The inadequacy of the supply to meet the demand. 3. The work and workers. 4. Present day opportunities.

PAPER OR TALK—Presenting *as vividly as possible* the lack of sympathy, waste of life, native practices and prescriptions in non-Christian lands; and the desperate need, especially among women and children, of the scientific skill and tenderness of the medical missionary. (After the text-book, refer to Dr. Dennis' Christian Missions and Social Progress, Vol. I, beginning with page 187. Also to a leaflet "Witch Doctors and Charms" furnished by Mrs. Chapman for 2 cents.)

PEN PORTRAITS OF PIONEER MEDICAL MISSIONARIES, both men and women, with striking incidents connected with their work. (See fourth page of November HELPER cover for helpful leaflets.)

READING—"Santa Filomena," Longfellow.

QUESTIONS, CONVERSATION OR DISCUSSION on present-day opportunities.

A GLIMPSE OF OUR OWN MEDICAL WORK IN INDIA. (Refer to "Year Book" for 1907, pages 21, 47, 56 and 57; items from article in September HELPER, "The Adventures of a Medical Missionary," annual Report Number and files of THE HELPER.)

SPECIAL PRAYERS for our own workers in the field.

HYMN—"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy."

CLOSING PRAYER, in concert:

God be merciful to us and bless us;
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That thy way may be known upon the earth;
Thy saving health among all nations.

Psalm lxxvii, 1-2.

A Cosmopolitan Mission.—The Industrial Mission of the South American Missionary Society at Quepe in Chile works among the Mapuche Indians. But neighbors profit by its meetings. At one of these meetings two Canadians, two Irish, three English, and two Americans were present besides Chileans and Mapuches. All joined in singing hymns from the Spanish Hymn Book published by the American Tract Society.

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For Children's Work.

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For Cradle Roll of Little Light Bearers.

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HONORARY MEMBER.

MRS. MARY R. WADE.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society

MINUTES

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society was held in the Fidelity Free Baptist church, Cleveland, Ohio, pursuant to the following call, printed in the *Morning Star*, according to the Constitution:—

"The annual meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society will be held in the Fidelity Free Baptist church, at Cleveland, Ohio, on Friday, October 4, at 1.30 p. m. in Chapel, for the purpose of electing officers and such other business as may legally come before it.

"ALICE M. METCALF, *Rec. Sec.*

"*Ocean Park, Me., Sept. 2, 1907.*"

The president, Mrs. Mary A. Davis, presided.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. H. P. Stone.

Records of the Board were read and approved.

Report of the committee of arrangements was made by Mrs. M. W. Thomas and accepted.

Report of the Western secretary, Miss Elizabeth Kelso, was read by Miss Inah B. Gates of Midnesota and accepted.

Report of the New England secretary, Mrs. A. B. Webber, was read by Rev. Ellen H. Copp and accepted.

Report of Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs. Laura E. Hartley, was read by Miss Ella Hurd and accepted.

Report of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. S. C. G. Avery, was accepted.

Report of the treasurer, Miss L. A. DeMeritte, was read and accepted.

Report of children's secretary, East, was given by Mrs. M. W. Thomas and accepted.

Report of children's secretary, West, was presented by Rev. Elizabeth Moody and accepted.

Report of the publication committee, prepared by Miss Lena S. Fenner, was read by Mrs. F. S. Mosher and accepted.

Report of publisher of MISSIONARY HELPER was read by Mrs. Harriet P. Stone and accepted.

Open Letter from the editor was read by Mrs. A. W. Anthony and accepted.

Report of Superintendent of Missionary Intelligence was read by Mrs. H. K. Jordan and accepted.

Report of the Western committee was read by Rev. Elizabeth Moody and accepted.

The silver necklet was awarded by the treasurer to Minnesota.

Ladies present represented twelve states, besides India and the West Indies.

Voted, To refer the matter of additional leaflets to Board meeting to be held tomorrow evening.

Voted, That the officers of this society, be, and hereby are, authorized to sign in behalf of this Corporation an amendment to the agreement made with the General Conference of Free Baptists dated Dec. 20, 1906, as follows:—

Strike out in said agreement the following clause "and said party of the second part further agrees that at least one-third of the Conference Board, so called, of the party of the second part shall be women as at present provided in its by-laws" and inserting in place thereof the following clause "This Contract shall be in force only so long as at least one-third of the Conference Board, so called, of the Party of the second part shall be women at present provided in its by-laws."

Voted, That Article VI. of Constitution of Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society be changed by substitution as follows:

Article VI. Meetings. The annual meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society to be called by the Recording Secretary or President, shall be held in August, September or October, at such time and place as the Recording Secretary or President may determine, the time and place being given in the *Morning Star*, two weeks successively, the last publication being at least five days before the time specified for holding said meeting. The Recording Secretary or President shall also call all special meetings in the same way.

Voted, That Article I., Section 3, of the By-laws be changed as follows:—

THE BY-LAWS

Article I. Section 3, must be amended by striking out "of the Society, and,"

Mrs. F. S. Mosher reported a visit among the churches in the Shenandoah Valley and suggested a course of Bible Study for women at Storer College. *Voted*, That we refer the matter of Bible Study for women at Storer to Board meeting tomorrow evening.

Report of the nominating committee was read by Mrs. H. P. Stone and accepted. The following officers were elected. [See page 359.]

Committee on resolutions reported through Mrs. M. W. Thomas and they were adopted.

Rev. S. Antoinette Easterbrooke of the Barbadoes was introduced.

Voted, To invite Miss Easterbrooke to appear before our Board Saturday evening.

Voted, To ask Miss Easterbrooke to prepare an article for the HELPER on her work in the West Indies.

The following committee on nominations of officers was appointed:—Mrs. J. N. Doe, Mrs. Ethel DeMeritte, Mrs. J. T. Ward, Rev. Elizabeth Moody, Mrs. M. W. Thomas.

The following committee on resolutions was appointed:—Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelder, Miss Kate J. Anthony, Miss Minnie A. Mellows.

A committee, consisting of Mrs. M. W. Thomas, Miss Inah B. Gates and Rev. Elizabeth Moody, appointed for making plans for interesting the young women in mission work, reported.

Voted, To adopt Item 1. That a Home Secretary for Young Women's work shall be appointed, who shall have such charge of the work as usually falls to the Home Secretary.

Voted, To lay Item 2 on the table and refer Item 3 to Board.

Voted, To adopt the report as a whole.

Miss Inah B. Gates was elected Secretary of Young Woman's work.

Voted, To refer unfinished business to the Board.

Minutes were read and approved.

Prayer by Mrs. M. A. Davis.

Adjourned.

HARRIET A. DEERING, *Sec. pro tem.*

DECLARATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

In view of the needs, growing out of old and new conditions alike, the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, in this the thirty-fourth

year of its history, asks for a careful reading and loyal support of the following suggestions and plans:—

1. We recognize with gratitude the spirit of willingness shown by the women of the denomination in carrying forward their work under changed conditions, made necessary by the new Plan.

2. We note with pleasure the harmony with which the Committee of the Whole in India has carried on the work, and the increased efficiency of the service through the re-arrangement of the force.

3. While the generous response by the Auxiliaries to the Thank-Offering and other calls receives our hearty commendation, yet we urge that a vigorous campaign for new Auxiliaries be instituted, and efforts put forth to increase the number of Cradle Rolls and Advanced Light Bearers.

4. We recommend the continuance of the plan of securing, from individuals or from Auxiliaries, pledges of five subscribers to THE MISSIONARY HELPER for a term of three years, or for pledges of three dollars each year, payable yearly for the same object.

5. Because of the changed conditions brought about by the union of the Woman's Missionary Society and General Conference, it has been necessary to establish a Contingent Fund from which the Treasurer can draw as emergencies arise. We heartily endorse this plan.

6. While we note with satisfaction that so many of our Auxiliaries are using the general course of study, we would recommend that they also keep in close touch with our own work and workers.

7. We urge that special effort be made to interest and enlist our younger women in the work of missions, particularly striving to train them for future service by placing them in positions of responsibility.

8. State societies are especially requested to see that their Treasurers shall carefully specify how they wish their money to be used.

9. Ever and always we need for our own sakes, as well as for the work's sake, to take time to observe the Quiet Hour of ten o'clock, going into the silence so deeply that body, mind and spirit may be invigorated and we be better fitted to respond to God's will, the doing of which brings to pass all things needful.

10. We hereby instruct our Executive Committee to prepare a letter embodying the foregoing declarations with any suggestions they

may wish to make, to be printed in the MISSIONARY HELPER for January, 1908, with the urgent request that it be read in the mid-winter Quarterly Meetings, Associations and Conferences.

JESSIE L. WATERMAN,
M. W. THOMAS,
LINDA V. JORDAN,
Committee on Resolutions.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

STORER COLLEGE.

As we write the record of the last year's work, some of us recall the early days of this institution, its standing in the community, its struggles, the heroism of its teachers; then, contrasting those days with the present, noting the changes, the growth, the development, who does not feel today like standing with uncovered head as he reverently exclaims, "Behold! what hath God wrought!"

Reports have been received from Miss Sims, Miss Brady, Mrs. Lightner and Mrs. McDonald.

Miss Lizzie Sims reports: The past school year was a full, a busy and a successful one in spite of the disadvantages of a small room. I had about 108 girls. The junior and senior girls made twenty-five dresses, in the spring term. Quite a number of shirt waists, aprons and other garments were made by the different classes. Now that we have started another year's work with a few old pupils and a great many new ones, the question of room is a perplexing one. The enrollment the first day was larger than it was last year. I find, by letting each one tell how he spent his vacation, that they actually practice in their homes what they have learned here. I am very much encouraged and feel sure God will bless our efforts and lend us a helping hand.

(Miss Sims has lost a sister this summer. We extend our sympathy in her sorrow.)

Miss Mary E. Brady writes: The year has been so full of good things that one is puzzled when he begins to enumerate, as to just where he should begin. "The horn of plenty" has certainly hung above us and generously poured its intellectual fruit in our midst. We have had this mental food from some of the greatest minds in the country. Of the many lecturers who have been with us during the past year, I

cannot recall one who has failed to leave with me some new thought or inspiration; and I venture to say that the same is true of other teachers and pupils. Storer has been especially blessed in this respect. We would not fail to mention the greater blessings which have come to us from the Master. The spiritual awakening at Storer in the winter was the beginning of real life to a number of students. We all feel greatly indebted to our friend, Harry Myers, who worked so constantly with us during those busy days. The daily routine of class work has varied but little from that of last year. My classes are U. S. History, Elementary Algebra, Geometry and Spelling, in the morning, and three classes in English in the afternoon. In the spring I especially enjoyed a review class, in U. S. History, of senior post graduates. Outside of the regular class hours there is a great deal of work to be done by way of preparation for the literary and other entertainments. Each teacher willingly shares this work. A great deal of interest has been manifested by the student body in athletics, this year, and because we believe a good mind requires the support of a sound, healthy body, this interest is heartily endorsed by the faculty. We have a larger enrollment this year than at any time during my five year's work here.

Mrs. L. B. Lightner: Some one has said that everything worth accomplishing is three-fourths drudgery. This is true of school work. The ceaseless round of routine often makes one feel like a mere machine. But there are moments of transport and exaltation that repay in double measure for weariness of soul and body. The secret of success is to give more than one's time, to give one's self to the work. Since our large school roll last year did not mean any increase in the number of teachers, it meant a strenuous life for every member of the faculty. It meant long sessions, crowded recitation rooms, many exercises and examination papers and late hours. It meant little exercise in the open air for some, and too much for others. It meant also great enthusiasm and the happiness that comes of success. It meant thankfulness for our many blessings. We are especially cheered and encouraged by evidences of awaking interest in this great work, manifested by friends from near and from far. May that interest grow until it becomes as great as our need of help and counsel. We rejoice in the newly awakened interest in education as manifested by the patrons of our school, in the struggles parents are making to place their children under uplifting influences, and in the general desire of the pupils themselves to become useful. The

fields are white for the harvest. May the laborers be many. The past year has been one of encouragement, of religious interest and prosperity. It has also brought its disappointments and perplexities. The coming year will bring its own problems. Through the liberality of our friends the heating plant for Anthony Hall is assured. We can begin the school year with thankful hearts, with hope and faith.

Mrs. Elizabeth McDonald: To those of us who have already returned to Storer, it is very gratifying to breathe in the air of energy that certainly is in the mental atmosphere. It is two days before the opening of the year's work, and we have every reason to believe that our enrollment will be larger than it was last year. To increase the recitation room our own little family has given up the semblance of a home that we have had in Anthony Hall, thus giving two rooms back to their legitimate school use. In what I write about this I wish that the personal element might be entirely left out, and that only the abstract side of the question might be considered. In these days of apartment houses and boarding I believe it to be a part of our teaching here to have at least *one* home on the campus, where the housekeeping may be carried on as if it were a joy and an honorable thing and not a burden and disgrace. To be sure, it means much added work and responsibility to a teacher doing five hours work each day, and keeping up her share of the outside work that comes to each teacher, but the comfort of a private dining room is greater than the work it entails. How can the College teach that home-making and home-keeping are the most honorable arts for girls to learn, when it provides no place for its teachers to practice those arts, and when those of us who have our families here, with only three exceptions, are obliged to board? Remember, again, that this is to be impersonal and that the individual teachers now here are glad to do anything they can to provide room and added facilities to carry on the work of the school. With all our efforts at condensation, we expect we shall need far more room than we can secure. And, surely, in a few years, from somewhere in the Free Baptist denomination will come the means for the dormitories, gymnasium, teachers' homes and other buildings that will help us in pushing forward this most patriotic and Christian work. Of my individual work during the past year I can only say that I have done what lay nearest at hand. Were I to make out a schedule of the number of pupils, classes or hours I had taught it would still give very little idea of the interest and strength expended; and were I to write of

that it would verge on the melodramatic, so I can only express my pledge to the Woman's Missionary Society to put the work of Storer College first on my mind, and do that work with all my might; and with as much wisdom as may be granted to me. Year by year the greatness of the opportunity for service grows upon me and though I must confess to frequent discouragement, I firmly believe in the ultimate growth of the seed sown at Storer.

[One of the greatest needs at Storer, which can hardly be exaggerated, is a home for President McDonald and family. The treasury of the W. M. S. is open to receive gifts, large or small, for this object. S. C. G. A.]

INDIA.

All our readers will feel grateful to Dr. Shirley Smith for seeking to secure a report of the work done by those who were, until the past year, missionaries of the W. M. S. Some have simply written an informal letter to the Corresponding Secretary to be read at the annual meeting in Cleveland, Ohio; but as these were not received in season for that meeting, the substance will be included in this report.

Midnapore.—Dr. Mary W. Bacher sends a list of the number of her patients each month. The total for the year was 6,560, 189 of them being Santipore patients. She has made 558 visits and kept her dispensary open 287 days. She has been able to do very little of Miss Butts' work, since her coming to America. She says, "I have no private conveyance and have to speak for a hired one some time before I want it, and often by the time I am ready to go something has come up to prevent, and perhaps the conveyance has to go away unused. There is not money enough to run the work, without any large item for taking me to the schools. Miss Butts paid bills from her own pocket, but I do not so understand the policy of the society. I don't know what I shall do. Each school gets so little that it seems a pity to cut any of them off from the mission. But if there are extras, every month, and incidentals that take the money, when there is not more than barely enough to run the work without an extra, unless more money is furnished it must run behind."

Miss L. C. Coombs, speaking of "Dr. Shirley's" suggestion that they send us a report for the annual meeting, says, "It had not occurred

to me that the W. M. S. would be expecting a separate report; nevertheless, after we have received our money so regularly and our work has been so well provided for, we may at least say *thank you* and God speed. The forming of a committee of the whole has made very little actual difference in our working. Our money comes two months later. There are motions coming around every now and again on which we give our yea or nay and some comments occasionally. There was a semi-annual meeting of this committee at Chandipore in June, but I could not be present as I had gone to the mountains a thousand miles away. I heard there was a good attendance and things went amicably on the whole. The women and young (?) ladies have a full share of the work and responsibility. I think it has been a good move. Mrs. Burkholder is an ideal person for the Orphanage and Miss Barnes is well placed in the evangelistic work of Santipore and Jellasure. The Hindu widow who was converted and baptized last September, has kept steadily on with her work. For about four months I sent her with older ones to the zenana houses, for the school was then broken up, but they soon wanted it restored and it is now going again with as many pupils as before. I'm sorry that I have not been able to give as faithful work to the zenanas this year as I have longed to do. For some unaccountable reason, on my return from the mountains, I was at once attacked with lumbago and other ills which have kept me laid aside till the present. I did go to work yesterday, for the first time in all these months, but was in constant pain. In August I went to Calcutta to see a skillful surgeon and he put me in hospital for five days. I returned the 30th, somewhat benefited but not well. Since returning from the mountains I have not been entirely idle and have tried to take from "Dr. Mary's" shoulders some burdens which are inevitable since Miss Butts went away. With her own medical work and that connected with the church and Miss Butts' schools, then to have me on her hands as a patient, she has been well nigh overwhelmed. I could do considerable writing, making out bills and accounts, lying on the bed and do the daily routine of having prayers with the teachers, calling the roll and looking after absentees. This has been a disappointing experience, but I had a new vision last February at the Santipore *Mela* and the uplift has carried me over many a hard place since. I went to the National W. C. T. U. convention in Bombay in March, and at that time resigned my position as their Corresponding Secretary, but was put in as Treasurer. This, however, is very little work compared with that

of Corresponding secretary. I have been very glad to help in the correspondence of the teachers supported at home. It has been a pleasure to translate the letters sent both ways and I trust this correspondence will be kept up. If each society would send a letter to its teacher it would give her courage to write; but few of them would be likely to *begin* a correspondence. The two Bible women have done faithful work, though I have not been able to go with them. They went with Miss Butts in visiting her schools and outposts and they went to the Q. M. At Contai, Nettie, the former timid one, even goes alone, sometimes, if the older one is ill.

Miss Barnes, writing from Hatigarh, Balasore District, begins her letter with Gal. 6 and 10. She says, "We have had such floods, lately, that one week the mail couldn't get here from Jellasore for four days, and another time for several days. The India Yearly meeting is to be held in Balasore in November. It was first voted to Chandbali but on account of the very heavy floods Mr. Coldren says the ground will not be dry enough to live in tents, as many would have to if held there. Just now my women helpers are working hard on their Bible lessons. They have an examination before Yearly meeting. This evening our native pastor asked me to pray that he might be able to give some special instruction in his sermon tomorrow. His text is to be Gal. 6:8. He is a very earnest preacher, gives good sermons, speaks the Oriya very plainly and is great on using illustrations. I am hoping this coming cool season, God willing, to do considerable "Mofussil," or country, work with my women. The ones I have here are not so efficient workers as some I had in Balasore and Bhadrak. We ought to be training younger women for this work; but it is hard to get them. The bright young women are usually school teachers. Please remember this need in your prayers. My adopted son, Madhab Mallik, is 23 today (Sept. 14). He is a good Christian young man and is teaching in the school here.

Balasore.—Miss M. E. Dawson reports: "On my return from Australia, in Oct. 1906, I took up the work at the Orphanage at once. Everything had gone very smoothly during my absence and it seemed good to see Dr. Smith, who had cared for the girls in my absence, so well, instead of broken down with the strain of the extra work as I feared she might be. In November, at the Y. M., it was decided that Mrs. Burkholder should have the Orphanage and I take the zenana work on Miss

Scott's departure. The change took place in the middle of March. I am now deep in the zenana and Bible work and enjoy it immensely. It is full of opportunity, and one comes so close to the heathen women. The girls in the Orphanage have been very well, on the whole, and take great interest in the garden work which is very good for them. Several were baptized a month ago and have become members of the church. The total membership on the rolls for last month was 230, an increase of 23 on the month before. I have put on three more teachers. Miss Brock, the government inspectress of schools, was here a few weeks ago and has promised to get me a very substantial increase in the government grant which will enable me to put on still more teachers and increase the work still farther without its being any more expense to the Mission. I have also put on another Bible woman with money received while home. I have been going out with the Bible women one day each week and the rest of the time with the zenana teachers. They go out every day, two by two, into every home where they can get an opening. As a rule we find most people willing to listen. We know "faith cometh by hearing," so we are encouraged to go on trusting Him to give the increase.

Miss Bromswetsch for *the Kindergarten*.—We have an encouraging report to bring for which we have a deep sense of gratitude. Our members in both departments have increased and the work of our teachers is better and stronger. According to the latest regulations we have been obliged to divide our Teachers' Training Class into two divisions. The senior division consisting of nine students, who have passed their kindergarten training and are proceeding with their higher studies for the Government Teachers' Certificate. The Junior division numbering six students who have only just commenced their kindergarten training. This new arrangement added greatly to our work and necessitated the appointment of a Pundit holding a Senior Teacher's Certificate. Several applications for admittance to our Training Class have reached us lately and we hope to accept them should our government grant-in-aid be renewed. Miss Brock, the European Inspectress of Schools, visited our school last month and very kindly promised a liberal grant. The final decision rests in every case with the Director of Public Instruction and we have not heard from him definitely. Our visitors, without exception, seem greatly struck to find 80 little ones in our kindergarten and invariably exclaim, "Do all these children belong to Balasore!" Our Hindu children, of whom we have nine, attract especial attention. They are

very pretty and intelligent. One from among them, a little girl about six years of age, the daughter of wealthy parents, came to our kindergarten of her own accord, her house being close by. This little girl, upon her return home from school, was repeatedly and severely punished by her mother who is a bigoted Hindu. Little Profulla Jimmari, in spite of every obstacle put in her way, succeeded in stealing to school, but she never spoke of her troubles to any one. Some of her neighbors, however, who strongly sympathized with her, told me all about the persecutions the little girl had to suffer. I called on her mother, consequently, who received me very coldly, but after a short conversation we became quite friendly and the heroic little girl attends our kindergarten with the fullest consent of her mother. May the seed of the Gospel sown in the hearts of these little ones bear fruit an hundredfold. Our back veranda will be ready in a few days. It will greatly add to the appearance of our Kindergarten Hall and the little ones will take special delight in marching round the whole length and breadth of their schoolhouse to the music of our cabinet organ, the clear sounds of which are a great attraction to both young and old. The chief feature our visitors remark upon is the bright, cheerful spirit in both teachers and pupils. "In Thy presence is fullness of joy." It is difficult to express our indebtedness to the friends in America who, with whole-hearted devotion, have assisted us to carry on the work among the little ones, so precious in the sight of their Father in Heaven.

Dr. Shirley H. Smith.—September, 1906, when my last report was written, found me still in charge of Sinclair Orphanage. It was November before it was entirely given over to Miss Dawson, but gradually we got straightened about, each to her own work.

Late in 1906 the head pundit of our Girls' School resigned and his resignation was accepted, but it was March before arrangements had been made for the new pundit and he came to take his place. The second teacher, Chandri M. Das, was very ill for some weeks and this, together with the change of pundits, interfered very much indeed with the work of the school. The young man who had been teaching English resigned, and so I took the English classes and have conducted them up to the present. The old pundit had served thirty-four years and, though his teaching ability was not all that could be desired, his record had been *clean* and so he was granted a bonus of rupees one hundred from the balance of school funds in hand. The idea in doing this was to encourage

young men to take up work in our mission schools. Probably very few would work as long as this, but the encouragement to take up this work would be much stronger if there were a *possibility* of getting a bonus or pension, at the end, as in government service. We have added one teacher to our teaching force—Esther Mahanty—one of our own Orphanage girls who passed her teacher's examination last spring. She takes the lowest Lower Primary classes. The new head pundit is a Hindu, but seems to be a nice young man and is doing good work. The medical work has been about the same as last year except that for three months, during the cold weather, I went once a fortnight—or as nearly that as I could—to Jellasore and Santipore for a day. It was a hard trip each time and sometimes cases have prevented my going at the appointed time, but the visit seemed to be much appreciated by both missionaries and people. The numbers treated varied from 17 to over 30, each time. Early in the year I handed over to Mr. Wyman, the treasurer for the Indian committee, Rupees five hundred, earnings of this department, and received a small working balance. This amount would not have been earned, probably, except for my European practice in Balasore.

On Miss Scott's leaving in March I came over to the Widows' Home to take charge. There have been a few inmates. Two who are more or less insane or "lacking" are here now. One woman who came with her child was kept for a time but was found to be a leper, and so I sent her to the asylum at Asansol. She is a woman of very sweet spirit and it did seem hard that she must have to look forward to such a living death. Two or three others have been taken in and stayed for a day or two. Beside these, two women and their babies have been taken in for treatment, and their expenses—they were not able to pay anything—have been paid by the Dispensary funds. This is done without at all interfering with the Home itself and is a help in the medical work.

SARAH C. G. AVERY.

Wells, Maine.

REPORTS OF HOME SECRETARIES

MRS. ADELAIDE B. WEBBER FOR NEW ENGLAND

"Past years have blessings freely brought;
What may not here and now be wrought"

Three of our state officials publish an annual letter giving the basis of work and helpful facts that are suggestive and of vital interest to the

work. Our MISSIONARY HELPER has made a gain in subscription in four states and a loss in one. The gain for the year is fifteen subscribers. The gain in 1906 was large, to hold that and make a small gain is evidence of loyalty. The present needs are more Junior societies, more young women in the auxiliaries and an auxiliary in every church. The importance of the auxiliary as an educational factor is being recognized in the denomination as never before in the history of the Woman's Missionary Society.

The return to New England of Mrs. E. B. Cheney, former editor of the HELPER and efficient member of the board, was like a glint of sunshine from her home at the Golden Gate of the Pacific. An encouraging feature is the large sale of "Christus Redemptor." Many more copies have been sold than in any previous year of the study course. Some of our Juniors have found the study of the Island World attractive and helpful. Forty-six shares are taken in Miss Barnes' salary.

"God of our fathers be with us yet;
Lest we forget; Lest we forget."

MAINE.

President, Mrs. Alma M. Cousins, Steep Falls; Rec. Sec., Mrs. R. M. F. Buzzell, Ocean Park; Cor. Sec., Mrs. M. E. White, Bowdoinham; Treas., Mrs. Flora T. Thurlough, Maple Grove; Children's Secretary, Miss Annie Brooks, Portland; Cradle Roll Secretary, Mrs. Hattie E. Hayes, Gardiner; HELPER Agent, Miss Myrtie G. Kinney, Lewiston; Advisory, Mrs. Mary R. Wade, Ocean Park.

The annual session was held in the new Penny Memorial church. There was a large delegation present. Plans were made for more aggressive work, as the need of an auxiliary in every church was never more urgent than now.

The Cradle Roll has made a remarkable growth, largely because so many are Sunday School Rolls. This is wise if only they are interested in and taught to do missionary work. The superintendent of Junior work makes an excellent report.

The MISSIONARY HELPER grows better and better and becomes more of a necessity to us each year.

Storer College has received many contributions; barrels have been sent there and to the Tennessee mountains, and much Sunshine work has

been done. Number of churches, 210; auxiliaries, 49; members, 809; Cradle Rolls, 27; members, 496; A. L. B.'s, 35; HELPERS taken, 779; Thank-Offerings, \$443.35; total receipts, \$1,862.12.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

President, Mrs. Lizzie A. Sanborn, Loudon; Vice-President, Mrs. M. G. Osgood, Ocean Park, Me; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Blanche C. Butterfield, South Berwick, Me.; Rec. Sec., Miss Ella C. Hurd, East Manchester; Treas., Mrs. Ethel E. Demeritt, 35 Lexington St., Dover; HELPER Agent, Mrs. Hattie L. Heath, 50 Dunklee St., Concord; Children's Sec., Mrs. Ada M. L. George, 103 View St., Franklin; Cradle Roll Sec., Mrs. Ella M. Foss, Bethlehem.

This state reports an increase in interest and membership. Miss Butts was present at the Yearly Meeting and gave an encouraging report of the spiritual uplift in India. Plans for aggressive work were made. An earnest effort will be made to organize an auxiliary in every church. In places where this is not practicable, to make a missionary department of the Ladies Aid, the membership of which shall be every woman who pays \$1.00 yearly into the treasury of the Woman's Missionary Society. Seven more Thank-Offering services have been held. Seven barrels have been sent to Harper's Ferry and three boxes to India. Mission study classes and instruction given in the Christian Endeavor and Sunday Schools have helped to increase the interest in General Missions. A bequest of \$184.21 from the estate of O. T. Hills has been received. Number of churches, 95; auxiliaries, 36; members, 501; Cradle Rolls, 41; members, 378; A. L. B.'s, 126; Children's Societies, 4; members, 36; HELPERS taken, 547; raised by Thank-Offerings, \$420.14; total receipts, \$1,662.75.

VERMONT.

President, Mrs. L. W. Pease, Waterbury Center; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Jennie M. Abbey, St. Johnsbury; Cradle Roll Secretary, Miss Hittie Huntington, Washington; HELPER Agent, Mrs. Lydia Blake, Sutton.

There has been an increase in the subscription for the HELPER. The people were glad to have Miss Butts with them at the Yearly Meeting. The secretary writes that she was an inspiration and they all went

home with a purpose to do better work the coming year. They are anxious to pay the salary of Dr. Shirley Smith but have not raised it in full the past year. We are glad to note a commendable increase in Thank-Offering receipts. Number of churches, 31; auxiliaries, 5; Cradle Rolls, 1; HELPERS, 84; Thank-Offering, \$58.56; total receipts, \$333.05.

MASSACHUSETTS.

President, Mrs. Frances S. Mosher, 107 Howland Street, Boston; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Hook, 12 Wilson Street, Lynn; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. H. Page, 19 Nichols Street, Haverhill; Treasurer, Mrs. Maud Kenyon, 528 Chelmsford Street, Lowell; Children's Secretary, Mrs. F. O. Robinson, 40 Cottage Street, Cambridge; Cradle Roll Secretary, Mrs. Clara E. Doe, Main Street, Medford; HELPER Agent, Mrs. Elena Palmeter, Lincoln Street, Stoneham.

The auxiliaries have all reported a growing interest in the work. This state takes the most HELPERS in proportion to its membership and this year has made a gain of thirty-two subscribers. The auxiliaries use the program in HELPER. Five barrels have been sent to Harper's Ferry. They pay the salaries of teachers at Harper's Ferry and for general work. Number of churches, 17; auxiliaries, 5; members, 134; Cradle Rolls, 5; members, 94; Children's Societies, 2; members, 25; HELPERS, 267; Thank-Offering, \$93.25; total receipts, \$377.85.

RHODE ISLAND.

President, Mrs. Ella H. Andrews, 63 Barnes Street, Providence; Recording Secretary, Mrs. G. L. Deckard, 116 Gladstone Street, Arlington; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lena S. Fenner, 127 Cranston Street, Providence; Treasurer, Mrs. Ida F. Ricker, 32 Warren Street, Providence; Agent for HELPER, Mrs. C. H. Tilley, 15 Durfee Street, Providence; Superintendent of Cradle Roll, Mrs. J. T. Mitchel, 28 Brook street, Pawtucket; Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. Ida N. Whittemore, 1 Whittemore Place, Providence.

There is an ever increasing interest in the HELPER and the Thank-Offering services, with a larger offering each year. The interest in General Missions is helped by keeping the work and its needs before the people. Eight auxiliaries are taking the study course. Several societies are gathering missionary libraries in connection with the mission study. A special effort is being made to interest young women. Their new life and enthusiasm are needed in the auxiliaries.

A large interest has been given to Storer, many meetings held and special offerings given. Two barrels of clothing have been sent to Harper's Ferry. The state has more than reached its \$1,000 mark, the total receipts being \$1,050.33 for the year. To Him be all the praise.

Number of churches, 36; number of auxiliaries, 13; members, 292; Cradle Rolls, 7; members, 168; Children's Societies, 8; members, 150; HELPERS taken, 340; Thank-Offering receipts, \$258.33; total receipts, \$1,050.33.

Mrs. Rivington D. Lord, President of the HELPER Branch of the International Sunshine Society, writes: I have enrolled about 600 names. The work of the past year has been most encouraging for each time that I have asked for sunshine, no matter in what form, it has always been given, so that we have been able to cheer hundreds. With it all, comes the blessed thought that God's blessing rests upon our work for others. To Him be all the glory.

Summary: Number of auxiliaries, 108; members, 1,736; number of Cradle, 81; members, 1,176; A. L. B.'s, 161; 14 Children's Societies; HELPERS taken, 2,017; money raised by Thank-Offerings, \$1,273.63; total receipts, \$5,286.10.

MISS ELIZABETH KELSO FOR THE WEST.

IOWA—President, Mrs. Thera B. True, Edgewood; Secretary, Mrs. Carrie Miles, Tripoli; Treasurer, Miss Helen A. Paine, Fairbank; Children's Secretary, Mrs. Bertha Sanborn, Fairbank; Cradle Roll Secretary, Mrs. Laura Tennis, Aurora; HELPER Agent, Mrs. Carrie Miles.

We have 11 auxiliaries—one new one—with 166 members. Six of the societies use the suggestive programs in the HELPER. The amount raised by the auxiliaries is \$325.97; chiefly used toward the salaries of our former missionary, Miss Scott, and our present one, Miss Dawson. About \$400 has been raised for local work. Barrels and boxes have been sent to India and the Kimbal Mission. Copies of the MISSIONARY HELPER taken, 111, and one \$3 share. Eight Thank-Offering services were held. The two Cradle Rolls have raised \$1.70.

MINNESOTA—President, Mrs. L. M. P. Durgin, Winnebago; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Inah B. Gates, Champlin; Agents for HELPER, Mrs. E. W. Van Aken, Winnebago, and Mrs. H. W. Parmenter, Minneapolis.

Number of auxiliaries, 17—three new ones—with 168 members. HELPERS taken, 83. About \$800 raised by auxiliaries. Cradle Rolls, 5. Amount raised, \$5.53; only two reported. Progress has been made during the past year, much of it due to the careful planning of our beloved President, Mrs. Durgin.

Each Quarterly Meeting, reported, has only one less number of auxiliaries than churches. Hennepin Q. M. is doing good work and planning better, Winona and Houston Q. M. has one new auxiliary. St. Croix Q. M. doing good work. Winnebago Q. M. has two new auxiliaries and has met its apportionment. It enters on the new year with enthusiasm. Brainerd, Huntly and Verona hold all day meetings half the year and serve dinners. The remainder of the year afternoon meetings are held and supper is served. Huntly has fitted up rooms where the W. M. S. meetings are held. We regret that both societies have disbanded in the South Dakota Q. M.

MICHIGAN—President, Mrs. Harriet Phillips Stone, Battle Creek; Secretary, Mrs. Minnie E. Parsons, Manchester; Treasurer, Miss Loma Garwood, Cassopolis; Children's Superintendent, Mrs. M. D. Mack, Cassopolis; C. R. Sup't., Mrs. E. C. Stewart, Kent City; HELPER Agent, Miss Susie E. Vorhes, Kingston; number of auxiliaries, 29 (and several active Aid Societies) of which a dozen or more use the program in HELPER. Members, 451. Amount raised, \$795.76; expended for foreign missions, Harper's Ferry, State work and Bilhorn Mission. Twenty-three Thank-Offering services were held. Copies of HELPER taken, 120, reported, and several \$3 shares; Children's Societies, 9; number of shares in Miss Barnes' salary, 15; Cradle Rolls, 6, with 80 members; raised \$7.26. We are trying to increase the interest in missions by observing the four mission days, having missionary programs, study classes and by distributing literature. Our President, Mrs. Stone, has written many personal letters, besides sending out the circular letter, and has attended six Quarterly Meetings and one T. O. service. Sisters, let us strive to get hold of the "Plan," then *work it* to the best of our ability.

Northern Kansas Yearly Meeting.

President, Mrs. N. L. Abbey, Jamestown; Secretary and Treasurer, H. A. Ashley, Jamestown; auxiliaries, 5, of which two use programs in

HELPER. Members, 82; amount raised, \$237.50; expended for home and foreign missions; Children's Societies, 2; members, 24; shares taken in Miss Barnes' salary, 3; Cradle Rolls, 5; members, 68; amount raised, \$13.84; HELPERS taken, 14. There are 20 members of the HELPER Branch of the Sunshine Society, and we have sent \$3.10 to the Chinese famine sufferers. We are endeavoring to increase the interest in missions by general work and trying to do what our hands find to do.

ELIZABETH KELSO.

Pittsford, Mich.

MRS. M. W. THOMAS FOR CHILDREN'S WORK. (EAST)

The work of the Children, East, gives great encouragement and many hopeful signs

Throughout the States of Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts there is a Junior Society of some kind in a majority of the churches though, perhaps, under a wide diversity of names. In many of these societies we have succeeded in introducing Mission Work through the aid of the Superintendent appointed by the Woman's Missionary Society.

Rhode Island sends a splendid report through its Children's Secretary, Mrs. Ida N. Whittemore of Providence.

For the first time since connection with this department, Vermont reports to us through its State President, and we are gratified to learn that successful work is being done among the children in several of the churches.

We wish again to call attention to the "Helps for Monthly Meetings" as given in the HELPER, and also to our "plan of work," which is a Secretary for Children's Work in each State, and thus down to the local society, an easy, workable "Plan."

M. W. THOMAS.

Saco, Maine.

Rev. Elizabeth Moody for Children's Work, West.

It is very unsatisfactory to do work by pen which demands the face to face contact and enthusiasm. This year letters have been written, as usual, to incite interest in the Y. M's. for this important branch of our work, and letters answered relative to its interests.

Only one State has formally reported. The Michigan report, from the State Superintendent, Mrs. Emma D. Mack, states that there are in Michigan nine societies, but the interest and zeal are not all they should be.

Mrs. Abbey reports two Children's Societies in the N. Kansas Y. M., and one society is reported in Minnesota. Other societies are doubtless in existence, and doing good work, but have failed to report to the Western Secretary.

ELIZABETH MOODY.

Mrs. Hartley for the Cradle Roll of Little Light Bearers.

To the officers and members of the F. B. W. M. S., your Cradle Roll Secretary submits the following report:

Maine.—Mrs Hattie E. Hayes, Secretary, Gardiner, reports 31 rolls; L. L. B's, 496; A. L. B's, 35; total, 531; whole amount raised, \$73.41.

There are some new rolls. The secretary has been much hindered by the long illness of her husband, but we hope to accomplish more in Maine next year.

New Hampshire.—Mrs. Ella Foss, Bethlehem, Secretary, 41 rolls, 378 L. L. B's, 126 A. L. B's, total, 504. Amount raised \$92.22.

Mrs. Foss sends a full report which shows faithful and systematic work done by the State Secretary and local superintendents. New Hampshire is at present the banner state in number of rolls and amount raised.

Vermont.—Mrs. L. W. Pease, Wheelock, Secretary. No report. There are at least two rolls, St. Johnsbury and Hardwick.

Massachusetts.—Has no State Secretary. Sends no report. There are four rolls, three have been heard from this year. Amount raised \$2.35.

Rhode Island.—Mrs. J. T. Mitchell, Secretary, Pawtucket. 7 rolls, 168 L. L. B's, 46 A. L. B's, total 214. Amount raised \$42.65. Rhode Island has assumed the support of two girls in Sinclair Orphanage, Phulmoni and Purnina.

New York.—Has two rolls. Buffalo has not reported this year. Poland reports: 12 L. L. B's, 7 A. L. B's. Amount raised \$6.30.

Pennsylvania.—A roll at Marshlands reported last year, has not been heard from this year.

Michigan.—Has sent no report, but three rolls have sent money, and two single Light Bearers, Dorothy and Virginia Chase, have sent \$3.00, making a total of \$6.66 from the State.

Indiana—No report. Oakland City sends \$1.28.

Minnesota—Has six rolls. The secretary of a new roll at Northfield reports ten members, scattered over seven or eight miles of territory and secured by house to house canvass. Such faithfulness will surely be rewarded. Brainard has 16 members and sends \$5.00. Popham Grove sends \$1.35. Total: \$6.35.

Iowa—Two rolls, Lamont and Mt. Zion, send \$1.70.

Kansas—Five rolls, 68 members; offering \$13.99.

Single Light Bearers heard from this year are Dorothy and Virginia Chase, South Homer, Michigan; Marion Louise Grow, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Harold Brehant, Brunswick, Maine.

We have, so far as we can estimate from all reports, 103 rolls; 1054 L. L. B's; 214 A. L. B's; total, 1268. Whole amount raised \$253.25.

There must be other rolls and Single Light Bearers whom your secretary has not been able to reach this year, and there are certainly rolls that have not sent in their money in time to be included in this year's report. Your secretary feels that what she has been able to accomplish is very small compared with what could and should be done. Unfamiliarity with the work and long illness last winter are some of the difficulties she has had to overcome. She thanks you for all your kindness to her and urges a more active interest in this branch of our work; that we may attempt great things for God and expect great things from Him.

LAURA E. HARTLEY.

So. Portland, Maine.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
By Mrs. Mitchell	6.04	Postage	8.65
By Miss DeMeritte	20.00	Supplies	23.54
By Supplies	15.73	Express60
By Postage	1.75	Total	\$32.79
Total	\$43.52	Cash on hand	10.73
			\$43.52

LAURA E. HARTLEY, C. R. Sec.

REPORT OF WESTERN COMMITTEE

Quite an amount of writing has been done by the committee this year, especially by the chairman.

During the summer the work was largely placed in the hands of Miss Moody with instructions to do such traveling as she might be able and to secure help if possible.

A worker from Iowa and another from Indiana were asked to canvass these States, but very little work was done by them.

Minnesota, however, was more fortunate, as Miss Gates was able to spend a short time in the work, visiting seven churches and organizing two auxiliaries.

The Illinois Y. M. was visited by Miss Moody and a limited amount of work done in Michigan and Ohio.

A six weeks trip to Kansas was arranged for but deferred to a later date, if acceptable to the General Society.

ELIZABETH MOODY,
For the Chairman of Western Com.,
M. A. W. BACHELDER.

REPORT OF BUREAU OF MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE

The work of the Bureau has continued and increased along the lines of special study, so that 310 copies of the interdenominational text book have been sold, seven Reference Libraries; 31 maps of the Island World, with calls for several after they were out of print. The sale of 38 "Outlines of Lectures on Christus Redemptor" showed that that pamphlet was very useful and popular. The number of copies of the book for Juniors, which were sold, hardly kept pace with material for auxiliaries, as only 18 books for Junior study were called for; but we hardly think this measures the work done among the Juniors of our churches.

There was a considerable increase in orders for leaflets for the Thank Offering service, especially for the responsive reading, 900 copies being sold in comparison with 500 and 600 for the two previous years.

And through it all comes a persistent call for sketches of the lives of our own missionaries and for information about our own work and this information should be reliable and up to date. While the Bureau has recently published sketches of the lives of Miss Barnes and Miss Coombs, it is not so well equipped in this respect as we could wish. But our HELPER is ready to help us in any emergency and your superintendent has taken pleasure in referring inquirers to special articles in our own magazine dating back ten years or more.

Thirty copies of Chundra Lela have been sold and the cheap edition is exhausted. A larger, better, more comprehensive edition is on sale, which can be obtained for 50 cents. It is a very interesting account of a wonderful life.

Of the free supplies 1,000 mite boxes for both auxiliaries and juniors have been obtained and it was necessary to reprint the blanks for auxiliaries, with blanks for Yearly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting societies needed in the near future. Plans are already underway for the reprinting of the membership cards, the leaflet, "How to Organize Auxiliaries" and the catalog all of which we hope soon will be ready for distribution.

Altogether your superintendent feels that she can report a prosperous year for the Bureau and she looks to the future with hope and confidence for still better work and larger results.

AMELIA D. CHAPMAN.

Lewiston, Maine.

Financial Statement of Bureau for eleven months—Oct. 1, 1906, to Sept. 1, 1907:

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1906 ..	\$16.78	Supplies	167.66
Amount received for supplies ..	204.47	Postage and Postals	28.45
		Express, Freight and Truck-	
Total	\$221.25	ing	12.17
			208.28
		Cash on hand	12.97
		Totals	\$221.25
		Respectfully submitted	
		AMELIA D. CHAPMAN, Supt.	

I have examined the foregoing account and find it correct.

ARALINE M. FILES, Auditor.

REPORT OF PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

As our India work has become united, a closer affiliation of the literature departments of our denomination seemed advisable. And this year, by joint action of the Executive Conference Board and our committee, the literature committee of Conference Board and a sub-committee of the publication committee have become a union literature committee for co-operation in publishing foreign mission matter. Two leaflets are now in preparation under this order of working.

A leaflet for general use in auxiliaries has recently been issued, called "The Working Auxiliary." If there are needs for special helps felt by any person or auxiliary the committee would be glad to hear from any such and govern its output by the demand.

We have been pleased to make the departure this year of adding gentlemen to the editorial staff of our HELPER. Two have been so elected by the gracious consent of each.

That both our Editor and Publisher have passed under the shadow so recently, has made labor at the two offices unusually difficult; and our appreciation of the brave work accomplished under such circumstances is very sincere.

We look forward hopefully, believing with Browning—

"The Best is Yet To Be."

FRANCES STEWART MOSHER, Chairman.

LENA S. FENNER, Secretary.

REPORT OF GENERAL SUBSCRIPTION AGENT OF THE MISSIONARY HELPER

The annual review of the publishing department of the MISSIONARY HELPER is always interesting. Not so much because of marked changes that have taken place, as because it suggests the continued faithfulness of its many supporters. Our magazine, as the organ of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, while loyally supported by that organization, by its fostering care and financial support, yet *belongs* to *you* who read its pages month by month.

Great credit and appreciation are due our Editor who, through sunshine and shadow, provides always an issue that is full of helpfulness and inspiration. But of what use would be the best of publications were it not that appreciative readers each month await the appearance of the magazine that meets their needs.

In these days of attractive and good reading, the strictly religious or missionary periodical appeals to those who subscribe for and read its pages in order that they may be more intelligent in helping to forward the coming of the Kingdom, by their love and service. An increasing number of subscribers, when renewing their subscription, express the satisfaction and help that the magazine brings to them.

Those who act as agents in local churches, quarterly and yearly meetings have shown commendable zeal and we appreciate their service.

We make special appeal at this time to the churches *outside* of New England for a large support of our magazine, both in subscription and special pledges.

The plan of special pledges of "Shares" at three dollars a year, or a pledge of becoming responsible for "Five subscribers for Three Years" was adopted two years ago and has proved a very material help to HELPER finances.

However, of the sixty-six of these special pledges *fifty-eight* are from *New England* leaving only *eight* outside of that territory. These pledges may be made by Auxiliaries, as well as by individuals, and we wish that many might be made before the first of January.

The number of "Shares" pledged at three dollars each is 42, the number of pledges of "Five subscribers for Three Years" is 24. Special gifts to the amount of \$13.75 have been received during the year, besides a number of single subscriptions as gifts.

Again we are obliged to report a deficit in current expenses this year of \$208.17. While the deficit is *less* than last year, the number of subscribers is also *less*, by 50; the present number is 3013. The loss in number of subscribers emphasizes the necessity of special gifts in some form, towards meeting necessary annual expenses.

Our missionary work must be carried forward, and our missionary magazine is one of the most important factors in the success of all our work, in the *home* and *foreign fields*.

What better opportunity is offered to help sustain *all* the work than by generously supporting "THE MISSIONARY HELPER."

ELLA H. ANDREWS.

TREASURER'S NOTES

I am given space enough in the annual report number of the MISSIONARY HELPER to call your attention to its immediate claim upon us. As this is the season of the year that the most of subscriptions to our little magazine are due, it is very necessary that agents of the MISSIONARY HELPER should begin the work *at once* of collecting these dues to January, 1909, and securing more subscribers. Will not the auxiliaries see that vigorous agents give attention to this matter in December?

We now have a pledged list of persons who are either responsible for shares, at \$3.00 each or five or more subscribers, beginning with new ones.

This plan has been of great help to the magazine and it is hoped the number of the pledges will be increased this winter. Will not friends and auxiliaries take one or more shares, or subscribers? I wish every auxiliary was responsible yearly for at least five subscribers, beginning with new ones. It would increase the interest in the auxiliary work beside helping the magazine. The money for all shares pledged, or subscribed should be sent to Mrs. E. H. Andrews, 63 Barnes St., Providence, R. I.

Will not one and all rally to the support of the MISSIONARY HELPER?

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treasurer.

Ocean Park, Maine.

(All money orders should be made payable at Dover, N. H.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Laura A. DeMeritte, Treasurer, in account with the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society for the year ending August 31, 1907:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand August 31, 1906.....	\$ 1,521.04
from the Latham estate.....	50.00
for Permanent Fund	51.00
Susan Prescott Porter Memorial.....	11.85
from income of Cristy Fund.....	1,547.20
income of general funds not included in monthly receipts	163.73
income of Brewster scholarship.....	35.56
income of Kindergarten Fund.....	15.99
income for Pub. Com.....	25.78
temporary loans	218.94
for home missions, including Storer College.....	1,032.87
for foreign missions	686.50
schools, teachers and orphanage at Balasore...	1,036.61
schools, teachers and Bible women at Midnapore	367.39
Kindergarten work at Balasore.....	346.57
salary of Dr. Shirley Smith.....	287.05
salary of Miss L. C. Coombs.....	441.84
salary of Miss E. Butts.....	254.12
salary of Dr. Mary Bachelder.....	453.62
salary of Miss E. E. Barnes.....	400.88
salary of Miss J. J. Scott.....	89.04
salary of Miss Arter.....	70.38
salary of Miss M. E. Dawson.....	163.62
salary of Miss E. Sims.....	10.00

THE MISSIONARY HELPER

Cash for	Specials	24.89	
	Sinclair cottage	325.75	
	refurnishing rooms at Storer.....	32.00	
	Widows' Home	106.00	
	Missionary Helper	32.54	
	Incidental Fund	183.19	
	Contingent Fund	598.87	
	General uses not otherwise specified.....	1,622.04	
	Total		\$10,685.22

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

Cash for funds to be invested.....	\$ 150.00
Total to be accounted for.....	\$12,356.26

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash for	salary of Miss L. C. Coombs.....	\$ 500.00
	salary of Dr. Mary Bachelder.....	500.00
	salary of Miss E. Butts.....	431.41
	salary of Miss E. E. Barnes.....	550.00
	salary of Dr. S. Smith.....	500.00
	salary of Miss J. J. Scott.....	125.00
	salary of Miss M. E. Dawson.....	450.00
	salary of Miss Bromvetch.....	400.00
	salary of Miss S. B. Lightner.....	425.00
	salary of Miss E. Smith.....	375.00
	salary of Mrs. B. McDonald.....	350.00
	salary of Miss M. Brady.....	300.00
	salary of Miss E. Sims.....	300.00
	salary of Treasurer and Ass't.....	300.00
	salary of Mrs. A. D. Chapman.....	60.00
	Bible women at Midnapore (in full).....	110.00
	Zenanas at Midnapore (in full).....	260.00
	Town and Primary schools at Midnapore (in full)	325.00
	Dispensary schools at Midnapore (in full).....	30.00
	Literature at Midnapore (in full).....	5.00
	Preacher and Colporter at Midnapore (in full).	80.00
	Sinclair Orphanage at Balasore (in full).....	675.00
	Zenanas at Balasore (in full).....	120.00
	Bible women at Balasore (in full).....	85.00
	Hindu schools at Balasore (in full).....	60.00
	Kindergarten work at Balasore (in full).....	100.00
	Girl's Day school at Balasore (in full).....	150.00
	Satyandia Maleanty at Balasore (in full).....	18.75
	passage of Miss Butts, Miss Barnes and Miss Scott (in full)	825.00
	addition for Kindergarten hall.....	315.00
	General Conference in general.....	44.00
	Industrial Dep't. at Storer college.....	425.00
	lecture course at Storer college.....	25.00
	assis't to Miss Brown at Storer college.....	50.00
	Mrs. Arters salary	50.00
	Western work	100.00

Cash for specials at Storer.....	29.00
Literature to Pub. Com.....	25.78
Temporary loans	1,350.00
Kindergarten funds etc. invested.....	51.00
Porter Mem. invested	41.25
annual reports	134.20
on Helper deficit	230.53
for advertisement in M. H.	60.00
shares in M. H.	32.54
Western work, special.....	7.00
Council dues	33.33
care of funds	116.73
Brewster scholarship	40.00
C. F. expenses	20.00
freight to India	54.38
Cradle roll and free literature.....	39.13
Thank offering expenses	43.95
General expenses	108.77
Total.....	<u>\$11,836.75</u>

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

Cash for re-instatements.....	150.00
Total disbursements.....	<u>\$11,986.75</u>
Cash on hand August 31, 1907.....	369.51
Accounted for.....	<u>\$12,356.26</u>

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treasurer.

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly cast and well vouched.

M. W. THOMAS.

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

MUNICIPAL BONDS.			
City of Pawtucket	1000	City of Lynn	1000
City of Newport 2	1000	City of Fitchburg	1000
Harrison Co.	500	Muskogee	1000
City of Galveston	1000	Omaha	1000
San Diego	500		<hr/>
			\$8000

STOCKS

Boston & Albany R. R.	25 shares.....	\$2,500.00
Old Colony R. R.	22 shares.....	2,200.00
Michigan Tel Co.,	1 share	100.00
Union Pacific	10 shares.....	1,000.00
		<u>\$5,800.00</u>

RAILROAD BONDS.

Boston & Maine	1000	Portland & Rumford	500
Maine Central	1000	N. Y. & H. River cost	900
Bangor & Aroostook	1000	Chicago, R. I. & Pacific cost ..	950
C. B. & I. I. cost	1900		
Old Colony	1000		\$9250
Boston & Lowell	1000		

CORPORATION BONDS.

Yale & Towne	500	Semet-Solway	1000
Topeka Edison Co.	1000	Solway Process Co.	1000
Mich. State Tel.	1000	Metropolitan Steamship	1000
Portland Electric Co.	1000	Dominion Coal	500
Wichita R. R. & Light Co.	500		
Peekskill Lighting Co.	1000		\$8500

MORTGAGES AND NOTES

Arnold	1000
Falls	800
Sherley	750
Adams	400
Diamond I. W.	500
Carottins	250
Houston	500
Browning	400
Walker	500
Brabbin	650
Young	800
Neel-Kinsely	400
Sundegreen	1000
Wendell	400
Samdees-Gerborat	300
McGill	800
Bales	1000
Davis	850
Heaton	550
Hill	200

SAVINGS BANKS AND TRUST CO.'S

Saco & Biddeford	100.00
Maine Sav. Bk.	500.00
Strafford Sav. Bk.	570.00
Citizens Sav. Bk.	315.00
Industrial Tr. Co.	389.87
Industrial Mechanics Branch.....	
	481.00
Augusta Sav. Bk.	580.75
R. I. Hospital Tr. Co.	752.00
Portland Sav. Bk.	100.00
	\$3788.62

Temporary Notes: Fred Ward De-
\$12050 merritt 1300 with collateral.

STATEMENT OF INVESTED FUNDS

FUNDS.

Brewster Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Batchelder Fund	1,000.00
Cristy Fund	29,752.00
Curtis Fund	1,000.00

INVESTMENTS.

Municipal Bonds	\$8,000.00
Corporation Bonds	8,500.00
R. R. Bonds	9,250.00
Mortgages	1,2050.00

Dearborn Fund	425.00	Temporary Notes with Col	
Mary A. Dearborn Fund ..	400.00	lateral	1,300.00
Golden Memorial:		Savings Banks & Trust Co.'s	3,788.62
Cole Fund, \$500; Sundry		Stocks	5,800
Funds, \$389.87	889.87		
Hanson Fund	500.00		
A. L. & E. A. Hanson Fund	800.00		
Kindergarten Fund	51.00		
Littlefield Fund	300.00		
Mother Hill's Fund	500.00		
Fanny R. Moulton Fund..	500.00		
Parker Fund	950.00		
Prescott Fund	1,000.00		
Susan P. Potter Fund....	1,080.75		
Sundry Funds	275.00		
Sinking Fund	3,000.00		
Starbird Fund	1,000.00		
Temporary Loans	2,693.00		
Mary B. Wingate Fund....	500.00		
Working Capital	972.00		
Widow's Home Funds	100.00	Premium on stocks	4,500.00
	\$48,688.62	Total Valuation	\$53,188.62

Real Estate: Henderson Home and Brown Dispensary, Midnapore, India; Sinclair Orphanage, Dorcas Smith Widow's Home and Caroline A. Bradbury Kindergarten Hall, Balasore, India.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treasurer.

I have examined the foregoing invested funds and find them in amount and kind as stated by the treasurer.

M. W. THOMAS, Auditor.

Receipts are from the following sources:

	Thank-offering	Total		Thank-offering	Total
Maine	\$443.35	\$1,862.12	Washington		25.00
New Hampshire....	420.14	1,662.75	Province of Quebec..		20.00
Rhode Island	258.33	1,050.33	West Virginia		14.00
Michigan	216.12	953.23	Connecticut	10.00	10.00
Minnesota	155.35	605.79	Ohio	6.35	9.35
Massachusetts	93.25	377.85	South Dakota		7.83
Vermont	58.56	333.05	New Brunswick		6.00
Iowa	64.90	283.41	Nebraska		5.00
New York	59.50	197.88	New Jersey		1.50
Wisconsin	15.23	108.31	Interest		1,788.26
Kansas	12.12	80.79	Temporary Loans ..		218.94
Indiana		55.28	Miscellaneous		674.31
California	2.00	41.50	Permanent Funds ..		150.00
Nova Scotia		226.84			
Pennsylvania		37.00	Total Receipts		\$10,835.22
Illinois		28.90	Total Thank Offering.....		\$1,815.20

APPROPRIATIONS.

SALARIES OF INDIA MISSIONARIES.

Miss L. C. Coombs.....	\$500.00
Miss Ella M. Butts (in this country).....	400.00
Dr. Shirley Smith	500.00
Dr. Mary Bachelor.....	500.00
Miss E. E. Barnes.....	500.00
Miss M. E. Dawson.....	450.00
Miss Bromvetch	400.00

STORER COLLEGE AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. L. B. Lightner's salary.....	\$425.00
Mrs. Elizabeth McDonald's salary.....	350.00
Miss Ella V. Smith's salary.....	375.00
Miss Mary E. Brady's salary.....	300.00
Miss Elizabeth Sims' salary.....	300.00
Industrial Department	425.00
Assistant of Miss Brown	50.00
Lecture Course	25.00
Western Work	100.00
Treasurer's salary	250.00
Assistant Treasurer's salary	50.00
Salary of Sup't. of Bureau of Miss. Intelligence.....	75.00
Free Literature	26.00
Thank Offering	40.00
Cradle Roll	20.00
Advertising	60.00

WORK.

(For which the F. B. W. M. S. is responsible only as contributions are sent for these purposes.)

MIDNAPORE.

Bible Women	\$110.00
Zenanas	260.00
Town and Primary schools	325.00
Literature	5.00
Dispensary and Contingent	30.00
Preacher and Colporter	80.00

BALASORE AND DISTRICT.

Sinclair Orphanage	\$675.00
Bible Women	85.00
Zenanas	120.00
Hindu Schools	60.00
Kindergarten	100.00
Girls' Day School	150.00
2 Bible Women for Miss Barnes.....	40.00

STATE APPORTIONMENTS.

Maine	\$2,000.00	New York and Pennsylvania	50.00
New Hampshire	1,600.00	Illinois	100.00
Vermont	400.00	Pennsylvania	100.00
Massachusetts	550.00	Michigan	600.00
Rhode Island	1,400.00	Indiana	100.00
New York	100.00	Iowa	400.00
Minnesota	600.00	India	50.00
Nebraska	50.00	California	50.00
South Dakota	75.00	Province of Quebec	50.00
Kansas	50.00		

"MISSIONARY HELPER" ASSIGNMENTS.

Maine	\$1,000.00	Illinois	200.00
New Hampshire	600.00	Michigan	550.00
Vermont	150.00	Iowa	200.00
Massachusetts	350.00	Nebraska	100.00
Rhode Island	450.00	Kansas	100.00
New York and Pennsylvania		Wisconsin	130.00
	325.00	Minnesota	200.00
Ohio	275.00	Dakota	30.00
Indiana	150.00		

A TRIP WITH SANTA CLAUS

A charming Christmas story for children, by Lucy W. Waterbury. This is a dear little book, with illustrations in color. It tells how Santa Claus went to India, and is just the thing for our little folks. You can get it by sending 40 cents to

MRS. A. D. CHAPMAN,

12 Prescott St., Lewiston, Maine.

DOROTHY'S DREAM

A CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT BY MRS. C. D. KEPNER

[Platform arranged as child's bedroom, containing at least bed, screen, and fireplace, at which six stockings, all sizes, are hanging.]

Little girl in nightgown:—

It's the night before Christmas, my stocking is here
 In the chimney-place hanging, while Johnnie's is near,
 And baby's and auntie's, papa's and mamma's;
 While outdoors the moon is so bright, and the stars
 Are twinkling so gayly that Santy could find
 His way all around, even if he were biind.

And I wonder so much what he'll have for me,
 For mamma says I've everything now. That may be—
 For sometimes I think 'twould be nice to be poor,
 So that then I could have something new. But I'm sure
 That Santa Claus knows something I've never had;
 And whatever he brings me I know I'll be glad.
 Now I've just said my prayers, and I thought it was right
 To ask Jesus to bring Santy safely tonight.

[Blows out candle and gets into bed. Lullaby sung behind curtain.]

Enter *Santa Claus*:—

Lots of work I've done tonight;
 Reindeer raced with all their might.
 Carried tops and drums and toys
 Everywhere to all good boys;
 Dolls and all such things for girls,
 Till my old head fairly whirls.
 But in Newton now I find
 Hardest work of any kind.
 Children here have everything
 That a man can find to bring,
 So I've asked some little friends,
 From all parts of this world's ends,
 To help me. Hark! I hear them come.
 I'll hide here and see the fun.

[Hides behind screen.]

[Enter fourteen boys and girls, dressed in costumes of different nations, each carrying a box having "Mite-Box" on one side and a large letter on the opposite side. Letters, when all side by side, will make "Merry Christmas." (The boxes are small paper hat boxes, a foot square, covered with white paper, leaving tape for handle. Letters cut out of red paper pasted on opposite sides.) As the children enter, *the side having "MITE-BOX" is towards the audience.*]

All sing (tune: Missionary Hymn):—

From Greenland's icy mountains,
 From India's coral strand,
 From Afric's sunny fountains,
 We come this little band.
 We're sisters, now, and brothers,
 Who, since the Christ-child came,
 Have learned to do for others
 Deeds kindly in His name.

China steps forward:—

I've had a hard trip to get here tonight,
 For China's far off, and my bundle's not light,

But I promised a man whose smile was so kind
 That I'd bring to his friend the best gift I could find.
 Now, a lady came out to our home far away,
 Who taught us to read, and to sing, and to pray;
 And she told us she could not have come to our land
 But for mite-boxes sent from some mission band.
 So I know the best things in the world'll surely come
 From *this box* which I've brought from my far distant home.

[Places box on the front of platform with the "M" side towards audience and return to his place. Another places the "E" beside it and another the "R."]

Japanese boy steps forward:—

A little man
 From far Japan,
 I've crossed the sea
 With you to be.
 And you I bring
 A precious thing,
 For *this* I give
 Helped us to live.

[Places his "R" beside the others, followed by "Y." Then, *leaving a little space*, another puts down "C."]

Spanish girl steps forward:—

Away off in Spain our old custom still brings
 Gifts to us all on the "Day of the Kings,"
 But instead of our stockings we put out our shoes,
 For the Wise Men to fill them with what they may choose.
 But dear Mrs. Gulick has taught us 'tis sweeter
 To bring gifts to others through *this*, Signorita.

[Places "H," followed by "R."]

Eskimo steps forward:—

From way up north
 I sallied forth,
 To bring my greeting here.
 Alaska's cold,
 But *this* will hold
 A warm gift, sister dear.

[Places "I," followed by "S" and "T."]

African steps forward:—

From darkest Africa I hold
 My gift to you.
 Fill it with love as well as gold,
 And 'twill return an hundredfold
 And bless anew.

[Places "M," followed by "A."]

North American Indian steps forward:—

From the forest to the sagebrush,
From the mountain to the prairie,
We have passed before the white man,
Passed before the mighty paleface.
Yet we love the white chief's daughters;
Kind to us have they been ever,
So I bring the red man's greeting
And *this gift* which blesses both ways.

[Places the "S."]

All sing (tune: "Fair Harvard"):—

We come from the lands that in darkness have lain,
Where childhood meant sorrow, not joy;
Where nobody knew of the Lamb that was slain,
How He died for each girl and each boy.
But the dear friends you sent told us Jesus once came
As a child to bless you and bless me,
And by giving kind gifts in the dear Christ-child's name
Happy Christmas will come, dear, to thee.

[Enter ten, or more, smaller girls dressed as fairies (in white and silver with gauze wings) and stand in front of the others, tallest in the center.]

She says:—

Oh, we are Christmas fairies, bringing joy and mirth
Everywhere, to all men, on this happy earth.
We bring the precious sunshine—all kind deeds we do,
Helping little children to be sweet and true.
In spring we bring you flowers—summer give you fruit,
Caring for the seedlings, blossom, leaf, and root;
But in winter is our joy time; then we bring to all
Merry, merry Christmas, both great and small.

All sing the same (tune: Ruth.)

Then the boys and Santa Claus join, and all sing (tune: Hosanna):—

Merry Christmas we sing to all children here,
And we bring you good wishes for all the year.
May the good times and presents bring you much joy,
And may Santa Claus bless every girl and boy.
But we'll not forget those who, in sorrow or pain,
Have none of the joys that at Christmas we gain,
And we'll try to give all, whether far off or near,
Merry Christmas, and also a Happy New Year!

—*Mission Dayspring.*

MOTTO CARDS

A quantity of motto cards by Hopestill Farnham have been given to the MISSIONARY HELPER and all of the proceeds from the sale of them will be used for illustrations in the HELPER. The cards are attractively printed on 5x7 cardboard. The titles are "A Little Word to the Wise," "Greeting" and "A Fair Weather Forecast,"—a forecast for sunny *thoughts*. Price 10 cents each; \$1.00 a dozen, either all of one kind or assorted. There are also a few picture post cards left which are sold for the same purpose. Two for 5 cents; 25 cents a dozen. Address,

EDITOR MISSIONARY HELPER,

Ocean Park, Maine.

BUREAU OF MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE

The Bureau would call attention of the workers to the leaflet published recently by the Publication Committee, for use in auxiliaries, "The Working Auxiliary." Price one cent or 10 cents per dozen.

The free leaflet "How to Organize Auxiliaries" has been reprinted and is ready for distribution. Postage is two cents per dozen. Send orders and organize auxiliaries.

Also the Catalog of the Bureau has been revised and will be ready for distribution about December 1. Send for it!

MRS. A. D. CHAPMAN,

12 Prescott St., Lewiston, Maine.

Contributions

F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Receipts for October, 1907

MAINE		
Aroostook Con for Boys School India . . . \$	8 75	Dover Mrs E J Lambert for F M 1 00
Aroostook Con Aux by dues	2 00	E Otisfield C R 7.00; Aux 2 00 9 00
Casco Joseph Batty for India wk	5 00	Gray Aux Miss Coombs 6 00
Cumberland Conf Coll Miss Coombs	2 00	Lagrange from the late Mrs Serena Fuller for Emergency Fd 1 00
Cumberland Conf by Mrs J F Harriman for Miss Coombs	5 00	Lewiston Main St Aux Miss Coombs . . . 8 00
		Lewiston Miss Lena S Stevens in memory of her mother, Mrs Susan B Stevens . 5 00

Litchfield by Mrs Lydia Smith	1 00
Ocean Park Toilers-by-the-Sea	5 00
Parsonsfield Q M Aux	2 75
Pittsfield Aux Nettie (Bible Wom Mid)	6 25
Pittsfield by dues	30 00
Portland Aux Miss Coombs	16 00
Portland Aux Dom Sci H F twenty-eight cents of this to com L M Gen Soc'y Miss Elizabeth Blake 416 St John St Portland	10 80
Steep Falls Aux Hindu Boy's School No 9 Mid	6 25
Topsham Aux Miss Coombs	5 00
Topsham Aux (14.50 T O) L M name to be sent in	20 00
Waterville Aux T O	6 90
W Gardiner by Flora E Spear	1 00
W Falmouth Aux for Dom Sci	5 00
W Falmouth Helping Hands Miss Barnes	4 00
W Falmouth C R Money	2 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Ashland F B Ch C R Rally	\$ 2 85
Belknap Asso Coll	6 87
Canaan Ch Miss Butts	5 00
Centre Sandwich Aux	7 00
Danville Aux Con Fund	7 00
Dover Aux zen teach Mid	12 50
Dover F W & E E Demeritt zen teach Bal	12 50
Franklin C R	4 08
Gonic Aux Miss Butts	5 00
Lakeport Aux Int Cole Fund for Widows Home	12 50
Laconia Miss Butts & Storer	5 00
Moultonboro & Tuftonboro Ch	1 00
Milvin Vil C R dues	15
New Durham Q M Aux Con Fd	3 00
Rochester Aux Miss Butts	1 50
Rockingham Asso Coll	5 50
Sandwich Asso Coll	5 50
Strafford Ridge Ch Miss Butts	1 00
Strafford Corner Miss Butts 5.00; Storer 4.30	9 30
Somersworth Aux for Miss Butts	5 00
Somersworth Aux B Peckham Sch Mid	6 00
Wolfboro Q M W M S Coll	6 42

VERMONT

Huntington Asso Coll for Dr S	\$ 4 25
Orange Co Asso for Dr S	6 00
Shady Rill Ch for Dr S	1 05
St Johnsbury C R for Dr S	4 30
Wheelock Asso Coll for Dr S	4 70
Wheelock Asso Inc Fd for Dr S	4 00
Waterbury Rev & Mrs L W Pease for Dr S	5 00
A friend of missions for Storer	62 82

MASSACHUSETTS

Foxboro W A Coombs for Miss Coombs	\$ 5 00
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Lowell Chelmsford St Aux for Bible Wom Mid	6 25
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PENNSYLVANIA

Tiogo Co Q M Miss Soc's for Head Pundit of Girls Sch Bal	\$ 50 00
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OHIO

Portsmouth (name is lost) for yearly dues	\$ 1 00
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ILLINOIS

Campbell Hill Jr C E for Miss Barnes	\$ 12 00
Chicago Mrs Sarah Fry for Miss Dawson	1 00

MICHIGAN

Temperance S S Class No 3 for Miss Barnes	\$ 2 50
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MINNESOTA

Brainard C R of Granada for K W India	\$ 5 00
Hennepin Q M W M S for F M	5 00
Winnebago Q M for the Oxreiders	3 25
Winona W M S for F M	5 00

IOWA

Mt Zion F B Ch W M S for Miss Dawson	\$ 6 91
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KANSAS

Jamestown Mrs N L Abbey dues	\$ 1 00
Y M W M S for Miss Barnes	5 75

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Inc Sinking Fund	22 50
Int E A & A L Hanson Fund 13.75 for S O; 8.25 Storer	22 00
Int Mother Hill's Fund for Emergency Fd	10 00

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